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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM-FOA-DRU

FROM: HQ USAF/HC

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SUBJECT: Marriage and Family Ministry Conference, 28 July - 1 Aug 2003

The high operations tempo and deployments in the Air Force have increased the stress and strain on marriages and families. There are not enough opportunities to strengthen and support marriages and families in our Air Force communities. This year, the Air Force Chaplain Service will sponsor a training conference focusing on marriage and family ministry. The conference will be held 28 July – 1 August at the Embassy Suites, Charleston SC and include training in the areas of marriage, youth, single parent, and family ministry.

I expect each CONUS wing chaplain to send a minimum of one chaplain, one chaplain assistant, and two active duty members who have an interest in and commitment to support or develop marriage and family ministries on their base. Spouses and/or family members are encouraged to attend if possible. The leadership teams we train will be asked to submit a sixmonth and one-year report regarding the application of this training. This is a great way to promote professional and personal development among our people. If your local TDY funding permits, additional Chaplain Service members or laity are welcome to attend.

Chaplain Baldwin and I are committed to strengthening marriages and families across the Air Force, and excited about the success of this training conference. Registration information and further details will be provided in a separate letter. The project officer is Chaplain, Major Doug Slater. All questions should be addressed to him at CSI, DSN 493-3777 or email douglas.slater@maxwell.af.mil.

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